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Nun rolls over foot problems

Scooter keeps hospital chair going

By Michael Heil
 Staff writer

You've heard of the flying nun, but have you heard of the scooter nun?

Her name is Sister Mary Thomas, chairman of the board at

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St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. Thomas has been buzzing about the medical center the past month in a vintage 1960s-era yellow scooter that features a horn, handlebar streamers and a Harley Davidson logo.

"It's nice and saves time. The goodness of the people have helped me," Thomas said.

Thomas began using the scooter because of a foot ailment. For a time, she was hobbling around with the aid of a walker until the maintenance department came to her rescue, customizing the semi-vehicle that has become somewhat of a feature attraction.



Tim Stephenson photo

Sister Mary Thomas, chair of the board at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, demonstrates her scooter she uses to get around the hospital.

"People get a kick out of it, asking me all kinds of silly questions," Thomas said. "I don't know how long

I'll use it, but probably for a while." The scooter is seen by

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Mitchell may get vote

Bill could put new community on the map

By Deborah L. Bates
 Staff writer

The Illinois Senate passed a bill Thursday that would allow Mitchell residents to vote to officially become a village without consent of neighboring municipalities.

The bill passed with 31 senators voting in its favor. If Illinois Gov. George Ryan signs the bill, it will take effect July 1.

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"Democrats voted no or present simply because they didn't know what it was about."

Vince Demuzio
 State senator

The current law states those municipalities with

populations less than 7,500 must seek the permission of neighboring cities before the residents are allowed to vote on incorporation. Mitchell, which has a population of just over 7,000, is one of the towns that are in a battle to become incorporated.

The new bill might allow Mitchell residents to vote on incorporation without the consent of neighboring communities because the bill requires only towns with

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Official charged with battery

Granite City comptroller allegedly struck estranged wife

By Michael Heil
 Staff writer

Granite City Comptroller Kim P. "Mac" MacTaggart was charged Thursday with domestic battery for allegedly

Kim MacTaggart, 45, was taken into custody about 2 a.m. Thursday at his home

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in the 100 block of Riviera Drive and taken to the Granite City police station, where he remained in jail until he appeared before a judge Thursday morning.

Mac Taggart was released on a \$5,000 recognizance bond.

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen called the incident unfortunate because he said the MacTaggarts are "good people."

Granite City Mayor Ron Selph said he doesn't know

how the incident will affect Mac MacTaggart's position as comptroller.

"It's too soon to tell," Selph said. "I'm going to talk to Mac about the situation. This shouldn't affect his performance. He's an excellent comptroller."

According to a police report, Kim MacTaggart, 40, was struck on the right side of the head by Mac.

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Veterans receive overdue World War II service medals

Granite City residents decorated by U.S. congressman

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

More than 50 years ago, Granite City residents Wilbur Cruse and Carl McAllister served in the U.S. Army during World War II. On Friday, they received medals they earned during that service.

The two were given the medals by U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello.

Costello (D-Belleville), Cruse, who served in the European Theater, received the Good Conduct, American

"We found that when they get their discharge papers they are so happy to get out that they are gone and do not request the medals."

Jerry Costello
 U.S. representative

Campaign, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign, Army of Occupation, and World War II Victory medal with three bronze service stars. He also received an Honorable Service Lapel Button, Marksman Badge with rifle bar and an Expert Badge with machine gun bar. He had never received his medals, although they were listed on his discharge papers.

McAllister, who participated in campaigns in the southern Philippines and

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Tim Stephenson photo

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, center, gave service medals to Granite City veterans Wilbur Cruse, left, and Carl McAllister, at his Granite City office Friday morning. Cruse had never received his medals, while McAllister's original medals had been lost or stolen.

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Rea resigns from board and township

Held superintendent position for only six months

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Madison County Board member Don Rea has applied for retirement benefits from both his board post and the Nameoki Township street superintendent job he has held for only six months. Rea will be eligible for retirement benefits under an enhanced plan that allows him to retire early at as much as 85 percent of the highest salary total he has received, an Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund spokesman said.

Madison County Board chairman Rudy Papa said he

"I share the taxpayers' disappointment in the retirement loophole and the continued abuses."

Steve Stobbs
Madison County Board member

received Rea's letter of resignation, but the 17-year board member from Pontoon Beach did not cite a reason for his resignation. He had previously said he would continue to serve in both county and township jobs.

Papa said Rea did not discuss with him his reasons for retiring. Rea, a Democrat, could not be reached for comment.

Some political observers said Republicans might try to hold Democrats accountable for the drain on county coffers. The county must pay a portion of all the pensions. While not commenting on the political implications of the pension mess, Madison County Board member Steve Stobbs (R-Godfrey), said Rea's retirement is another reminder of the irresponsible way in which some public officials have taken advantage of taxpayers.

"I share the taxpayers' disappointment in the retirement loophole and the continued abuses," he said. Officials at the township highway commissioner's office could not confirm if Rea has resigned, but Louis W. Kosiba, director of member services for the retire-

ment fund, confirmed that Rea has applied for retirement benefits from both jobs.

The township job pays about \$31,000 and the County Board job, \$9,500 a year.

Rea is participating in an enhanced county retirement benefit program that allows elected officials to pay 7.5 percent of their salaries into the fund and be able to retire early at a higher amount.

Madison County Clerk Mark Von Nida said the final amount Rea receives will depend on whether he elects to buy into the early retirement program on the basis of his entire 17 years' service on the board.

He has been a participant in the enhanced benefit program since the County Board made its members eligible in 1998.

The state law allows officials to combine their part-time salaries with their highest government salaries, even though they may have held the higher paying jobs for a short time.

Former Madison County Board member Tony Bosich (D-Wood River) previously took advantage of the loophole after serving in a full-time job for only a few months.

State police reports DUI fatality rate down

By Kerry Smith
Staff writer

It's a fact that the advent of the holidays brings the onset of an increasing number of DUIs.

Statistics from the national organization of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers

Drunk Drivers reveal that out of 192 traffic fatalities last New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, 129 of the deaths - 67 percent - were alcohol related. Last Thanksgiving and the night before, the national statistics tell a similar tale: out of 570 roadway fatalities, 231 of them - 40 percent - occurred as a result of drunk drivers.

Illinois State Police report that DUI-related fatalities in 1999 are slightly lower than they were last year. ISP Lt. Chuck Brueggemann said as of Wednesday, there have been 100 traffic fatalities so far this year in the five-county area including Madison, Monroe, Clinton, Bond and St. Clair counties. "Last year we were at a total of 110 roadway fatalities by Dec. 1," Brueggemann said. "These

are not all alcohol related, but still it's encouraging to know that there are fewer traffic fatalities in 1999 than there were in 1998."

Brueggemann expects DUI arrests to increase during the next 30 days.

Sadly, that's the reality. With the holiday season comes many more opportunities for special events and also the opportunity to overindulge with alcohol, he said. "As always, we're encouraging the public to wear seatbelts, to use a designated driver, to obey the speed limit and not to be in a hurry."

The best defense a sober driver or passenger has against becoming a DUI victim, Brueggemann said, is to keep that seatbelt fastened.

Typically the fatalities are in less dense traffic areas and the impact in terms of miles per hour is greater. The seatbelt can mean the difference between a fatality and a non-fatality.

Illinois State Police are keeping a keener eye on multiple violators during this holiday season.

He said, "We've increased the number of covert cars - Mustangs and Camaros - that are monitoring motorists."

Madison County State's Attorney Tom Gibbons, who heads the misdemeanor division, agrees that December marks the busiest month in terms of DUI arrests issued in Madison County.

"People are celebrating and taking more opportunities where they're in situations involving drinking and driving," Gibbons said. "A lot of police departments and public safety agencies throughout the county are stepping up their DUI patrols during this season."

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Planting Amaryllis
Before planting, soak the bulb in lukewarm water for several hours. If you're not ready to plant immediately after purchasing, we recommend storing it in a cool area. Plant Amaryllis in a pot slightly larger than the bulb. About one third of the bulb should rise above the rim of the pot. Press the soil around the bulb firmly and water.

For best results, place in direct sunlight and water sparingly until the bud has begun to develop. When green sprouts begin to show, you'll want to give the plant more water.

Planting Paperwhites
Paperwhites are ideal for any light condition from partial shade to full sun and, like Amaryllis, will bloom in about 30 days.

Planting them is easy. Choose a 3- to 4-inch deep pot with or without drainage holes and follow these instructions:

For containers without drainage holes:

1. Place 1 to 2 inches of washed gravel or small stones in the bottom of the container.
2. Carefully place the bulbs on the gravel or stones.
3. Place enough gravel or stones around the bulbs to hold them in place.
4. Add enough water to bring the water level to just below the base of the bulbs.
5. Maintain water at this level. The bulb should never be in contact with the water.

For containers with drainage holes:

1. Use a well-drained potting medium.
2. Plant bulbs with the nose of the bulbs even with the rim of the pot.
3. Water thoroughly after planting.
4. Keep moist.

Plant care tips

Naturally, you'll want to get the most out of your holiday plants. Watch Wednesday's Journal for some timely tips on the care of poinsettias and Christmas cactus.

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Callis and Meehan vie to succeed Keshner

Two area Democrats have both sought nominations, more may follow

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Democrats will see a contested race for the nomination for the circuit judge vacancy created by the death of J. Lawrence Keshner.

METRO EAST
Former Associate Judge Ann Callis, a Troy Democrat, has taken out nominating petitions for the seat in the 3rd Judicial Circuit, as has former Associate Judge Michael Meehan, a Democrat from Edwardsville.

On Tuesday, the Illinois Supreme Court appointed

Callis to Keshner's vacant seat on the circuit bench for one year. Some observers said the appointment represents a significant inside track to getting the nomination and, with the support of the county's majority party, a victory in November. Political observers say there may be several more candidates, including a race on the Republican side. The March primary winners will face each other in the November general election. Chief Associate Judge Randall Bond, who many considered a logical successor to Keshner, said he will not run for the vacancy. Callis, 35, declined to

comment in detail about her decision to run for the post. "It's really too early," she said.

Candidates may file petitions with the State Board of Elections as early as Dec. 13.

Meehan said he is running because he wants to continue his public service as a judge. He was an associate judge until June 30 but was not retained by the nine full circuit judges in the 3rd Circuit, which includes Madison and Bond counties.

He said he would not dwell on the lack of support from the circuit judges or on the appointment of Callis but would focus on his qualifica-

tions. "In 1987, I made the decision to leave my practice to enter public service as a judge," he said. "I still think I have a great deal to offer."

Meehan, 48, grew up in Granite City and moved to Edwardsville when he became an associate judge. He has presided in a wide variety of cases, including criminal felony cases. He was a private practice lawyer for 11 years before he took the associate judgeship. He graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and from Saint Louis University School of Law.

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Senate OKs 911 bill

By Deborah L. Bates
Staff writer

Better emergency telephone service for people using cellular phones will be available in about two years, thanks to the Illinois Senate's passage of a bill to pay for it, Madison County's emergency telephone coordinator said Wednesday.

The bill will place a 75-cent monthly charge on cell phone bills to pay for the service.

The bill will go into law because the Senate passed it this week, overriding Illinois Gov. George Ryan's veto.

The bill allows regulations to get service providers and 911 officials to work out ways to pinpoint the precise location of a person making an emergency call on a cell phone.



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A luxury suite at the Trans World Dome for up to 20 people at the Backstreet Boys concert next March has been added to the second half of the Old Newsboys Day online auction that concludes Thursday.

In addition, a second copy of a special Old Newsboys Day edition of the Journal, personally signed by Backstreet Boys band members Nick Carter, Howie Dorough, Brian Littrell, A.J. McLean and Kevin Richardson, has been added to the approximately 25 auction items that can be found at www.oldnewsboys.com.

There are a variety of items still available, including a framed and autographed Lou Brock jersey, an Ozzie Smith-autographed baseball, St. Louis Cardinals hats autographed by Brock and Smith, a football signed by Dan Dierdorf, a hockey stick signed by Geoff Courtnall, accommodations at the Lemp Mansion in St. Louis and the Beall Mansion in Alton, guest appearances on several KTLS-AM (350) radio programs, dinner at Cardwell's, tickets to the LPGA Michelob Light Classic, an autographed poster of Annika Sorenstam and movie packages from Wehrenberg Theatres.

A package from Build-A-Bear, membership in the Jewish Community Center, a Lou Brock Hard Rock Cafe jersey, birthday or training packages from Greg Mathews, St. Louis Ambush tickets and an autographed soccer ball, tickets to the basketball game between St. Louis University and the University of Missouri, a package from Dick Clark's American Bandstand Grill and a package from Harrah's Casino also are available.

The bidding on the Old Newsboys Day online auction site, www.oldnewsboys.com, will end at various times Thursday. The deadline for bids for the Courtnall hockey stick, for example, is at 9 a.m. Beginning at noon, there are deadlines every 15 minutes on the various items.

Check the auction web site at www.oldnewsboys.com for a comprehensive list of the items, online auction rules, bidding deadlines and registration procedures.

Proceeds from the online auction will be used to support the local children's charities supported by the Old Newsboys Day fund.

Obituaries

Mary Phillips

MARY E. PHILLIPS, 87, of Granite City, died at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City where she had resided four months. She was born April 29, 1912, in Carlinville.

Mrs. Phillips was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She had worked for 26 years as a cafeteria superintendent at Granite City High School. She married Virgil Phillips Sr. in May 1928; he preceded her in death in 1972.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Ridge of Granite City; four sons, William Phillips of Granite City, Robert Phillips of Orange, Texas, Donald Phillips of Mesa, Ariz., and Kenneth Phillips of Carlyle; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, William and Fannie (Morgan) Swain; a son, Virgil Phillips Jr.; a sister, Evelyn Loftis; and a granddaughter, Karen Stockton.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City where funeral services are at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Estelle Markovich

ESTELLE F. MARKOVICH, 64, of Granite City died at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999, at her residence.

She was born July 19, 1935, in East St. Louis. Mrs. Markovich was a dietary supervisor at Colonial

Care Center in Granite City. She was a homemaker of the Baptist Faith.

She is survived by a son, Michael Markovich of Collinsville; a daughter, Shearon Cox of Granite City; five sisters, Dorothy Simunich of Arnold, Mo., Ruth Phillips of Belleville, Virginia Daubach of Wood River, Joann Hamlin of Granite City and Mary Ann Vosylus of Pontoon Beach and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Doble (Adams) Daubach; a brother, Edward Daubach and a sister, Caroline Wood.

Funeral services were Saturday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Delmer Shirley officiating. Burial was in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Madison County.

Nancy Rippy

NANCY JO (HADLEY) RIPPY, 45, of Dover, Tenn., died Oct. 30, 1999, at Gateway Medical Center in Clarksville, Tenn.

She was born Dec. 19, 1953, in Granite City, in Granite City, Mrs. Rippy was a 1971 graduate of Granite City High School.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Dean Rippy; a

son, Jason Rippy of Dover, Tenn.; a daughter, Sonya Mansfield of Memphis; her mother, Joan (O'Toole) (Hadley) Tindell of Granite City; her stepfather, Virgil Tindell and a sister, Deborah Ishum of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her father, George Edwin Hadley; two brothers, Gary Alan Hadley and Edwin Ray Hadley and her grandmother, Pearl (O'Toole) (Novosel) Hoese.

Memorial services were Nov. 27 in Dover, Tenn. Anglin Funeral Home in Dover, Tenn., handled the arrangements.

Alyce Zimmerman

ALYCE MAE ZIMMERMAN, 72, of Granite City died at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1999, at her residence.

She was born Oct. 12, 1927, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Zimmerman was a homemaker of Baptist Faith. She is survived by a daughter, Grace Rappis of Pontoon Beach and two grandchildren, Donnie Goodman and Krysten Rappis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gee and Blanche Babcock and a son, Donald Zimmerman.

Funeral services were Friday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Gus Falter officiating.

Mrs. Zimmerman's was cremated. Her remains were buried in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Long Lake Fire Department.

Roy Mendenhall

ROY D. MENDENHALL, 76, of Granite City, died at 7:35 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Born Dec. 6, 1922, in Mount Vernon, he had lived in Pontoon Beach for 40 years.

Mr. Mendenhall retired in 1979 from A.G. Smith where he had worked for 27 years as a welder. He was a member of the Pontoon Beach Church of Christ and the Steelworkers Local.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma (Parrish) Mendenhall, whom he married in 1944; a son, Gary Mendenhall of Granite City; a brother, Arthur Mendenhall of Bonnie; two sisters, Wanda Gregory of Walnut Hill and Evelyn Williams of Bonnie; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emote and Dora (Johnston) Mendenhall; a son, Roy Dean Mendenhall, who died earlier this year, four brothers and two sisters.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Pontoon Beach where funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. Dave Nibbel officiating.

Burial will be in Little Grove Cemetery in Walnut Hill.

Common yard weed very useful

By April Calvin
Staff writer

Children love them, spreading their fluffy tufted seeds to neighboring yards, but to most of us, dandelions are weeds.

Author and herbalist Brigitte Mars offers her book, "Dandelion Medicine," in praise of the misunderstood dandelion, its virtues and uses. Dandelion, *Taraxacum officinale*, is believed to have originated in Greece and the Mediterranean area of Asia Minor, but has now spread throughout the world.

The plant's flowers, leaves and stems can be used for food, medicine and other purposes as varied as herbal tonics and dye (yellow, of course).

Mars presents recipes for dandelion wine, dandelion beer, dandelion tea and even dandelion "coffee." She even offers an unusual pizza recipe. For dandelion leaf pizza, you'll need:

- 1 whole wheat pita pocket
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce,
- 3/4 cup chopped dandelion greens,
- 2 slices mozzarella cheese
- 1 tsp. chopped fresh basil

1. Cover one side of the pita bread with the tomato sauce. Add the dandelion greens and top with cheese. Broil in a toaster oven until the cheese melts.

2. Remove from oven, top with basil and serve immediately.

(Makes one serving.)

Dandelion greens have more beta-carotene than carrots, more calcium than milk, more vitamin B1 than spinach and are rich in iron and manganese.

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The plant's flowers, leaves and stems can be used for food, medicine and other purposes as varied as herbal tonics and dye (yellow, of course).

dandelions as medicine. Mars tabulates the benefits of dandelions along with the constituents responsible for its healing properties. Even the plant's roots,

cursed by homeowners and gardeners for its tenacity, helps aerate the soil and bring up nutrients for other plants to use.

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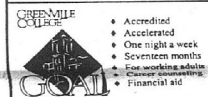
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Opinion

Letters to the editor

New county slogan: Where's mine?

TO THE EDITOR:
This letter is in regards to Jack Frandsen, Madison County auditor.
Surely, Rudy Papa could have chosen a city other than Chicago to compare to Madison County. On the other hand, maybe it was appropriate.

For many years, Mike Royle, a well-known columnist in Chicago, wrote about the nepotism and cronyism so rampant in the Chicago political machine.
Several years ago, he suggested a new seal for the city of Chicago. A circle with pictures of a cement mixer and a handshake with dollar bills being exchanged. With the slogan "URR EST MEA", a Latin

phrase for "WHERE'S MINE?"
Had he written about the Madison County political machine, he likely would have used the same suggested seal but changing the pictures to ACT and MCT buses, but still use the handshake with money being exchanged.
Frandsen claims he ran a lean and mean office. Where did the fat go? It's high time that Madison County voters write state officials and ask them to change this law. It is apparent the Madison County Board will not vote it down.

DOUGLAS STOKES

Where was support for veterans?

TO THE EDITOR:
I stood with reverence among the sparse group on Veteran's Day at the Greater Granite City War Memorial Park paying tribute to our honored dead and all those who served our great country.

My brother's name, Jack Gray, killed in Italy during World War II, was listed on the memorial. Some of the brave, courageous survivors of those wars stood at attention with tears in their eyes remembering loved ones and buddies.

But where were the crowds who gather at football and soccer games and malls? Could we not have had a better showing of respect for these proud veterans? Would it have expected too much to have that section of Niedringhaus Avenue blocked off for that brief time?

BETTY J. SMALLIE
Granite City

Community gets a big 'thank you'

TO THE EDITOR:
The O'Fallon/Fairview Heights Lions Club would like to thank community members for the overwhelming support shown during our Fall BBQ and our Candy Day fund raisers. With ed to the O'Fallon/Fairview Heights Journal and local radio stations, KMOV, KLOU, KEZZ, and WIL, for making their readers and listeners aware of the fundraisers.

With a very special thanks to Dr. Kim of Southview Plaza, O'Fallon Parks and Recreation, Schnucks (Fairview Heights) and O'Fallon Wal-Mart for allowing us to use their facilities and equipment to conduct the fund raisers.

Your donations will truly make a difference. Thanks for helping us help others. Thanks to your help more than \$2,000 was raised at the BBQ and \$3,300 on Candy Day. We are grateful to you for support the many projects we conduct throughout the year. At least 50 percent is earmarked for sight-related activities, such as providing eyeglasses and examinations to those who could not otherwise afford eye care.

The remaining funds will support other Lions programs, such as purchasing hearing aids and diabetes maintenance kits for those in need, and supporting other local community projects like the Needy Families, DARE, children's projects and others.

RONALD H. BELCHER
President
O'Fallon/Fairview Heights Lions Club

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Students sports' goal: Simply do your best

Winning and losing should not be the focus of kid's school athletics

By Dr. Tom Fegley

I would like to share a personal story that to me, epitomizes what athletics is all about.

Our daughter wasn't much of an athlete. She was more into music, and she was very good at that, as she played the piano, cornet, violin, organ and sang. But when she entered high school, she wanted to be on the swimming team. She has participated in the junior lifesaving program and enjoyed swimming, so she thought she could compete in swimming.

As a doting parent, we went to each of her swimming meets and watched her participate, even though she never did very well. She swam on the freshman/sophomore team, and I don't think she ever won a race, but she tried hard. She never missed practice and always entered each swim meet with a positive attitude.

She worked hard, but her time in the breaststroke always stayed about the same. Her sophomore year was about the same; her times didn't improve from her freshman year. She was doing about as well as she could.

One day, one of the varsity swimmers was ill, so there was a spot on the varsity squad for someone to swim the breaststroke. The coach asked Jennifer to swim it. She was so excited, but she was a nervous wreck. She had the opportunity, and she wanted to do so well.

My wife and I were concerned because we knew she couldn't be competitive in that setting. We were afraid that if she didn't do well, her disappointment would discourage her from further competition.

Time came for the race to start. Jennifer was pacing and biting her nails as she always did before she did something big, whether it was a major piano contest or a swimming race. The

gun sounded, and Jennifer got off the starting block well, but she immediately started to fall behind the other swimmers.

As the race progressed, Jennifer's teammates stood at the poolside cheering her on and giving her encouragement. Within a few strokes, it was obvious that Jennifer was not going to be able to keep pace. However, her teammates kept cheering and encouraging her right through to the end of the race.

She had to swim four laps, and by the end of the race, all of the other swimmers had finished well ahead of her. In fact, she swam most of the last lap after others had finished.

As she finished, Jennifer immediately looked up at the clock and saw she had completed her swim faster than she had ever swam it before. Her teammates realized this was her best time, and they were all cheering and celebrating her triumph. Jennifer had a big smile on her face as her teammates were hugging her and congratulating her. You would have thought she had won the race rather than come in dead last.

As a tear came to my eye and my chest swelled with pride, I thought, "This is what high school athletics should be all about." It shouldn't be all about winning and losing; it should be about improving and doing your best.

That afternoon Jennifer was a winner. She had the very best. She lost the race, but she couldn't have done any better. That is cause for celebration.

I hope the lesson our students learn from participating in athletics is this: "If I work hard and do my best, I cannot do any more. It doesn't matter if I am first or second or last as long as I have done my best and have worked hard to reach my highest potential. I cannot be better than my best, and if that doesn't allow me to be number one, that's OK, because I can take pride that I am doing all that I can do."

That is what it is all about.
Dr. Tom Fegley is superintendent of Collinsville School District 10.

News

Briefs

Jesus Place Mission Baptist Church, 1900 State Street, Granite City, is now accepting applications for Christmas food baskets at the church until Dec. 10. For more information, contact church officials at 451-4707 during the week from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

The Old Six-Mile Historical Society is holding

an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Old Six-Mile Museum at 3279 Maryville Road.

Society President Irene Dawes said the Museum will be decorated for Christmas and numerous items - including the Granite City Centennial pictorial book - will be on sale.

There will also be Christmas music and refreshments.

Official charged with battery

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MacTaggart at Kim MacTaggart's home in the 1600 block of Garfield Avenue. Kim MacTaggart said Friday that her husband was inebriated when he punched her in the face, causing her eye to swell. She also said she has had an eye examination because she is having problems seeing out of her right eye. Mac Taggart could not be reached for comment Friday.

An emergency order of protection has been filed on

Kim MacTaggart's behalf. A stipulation of the protection order states that Mac Taggart must stay 100 feet from his wife. The couple's divorce is scheduled for mid-December.

Kim MacTaggart has been an alderman since 1993. She is chairman of the Downtown Rehabilitation Committee and the Insurance and Safety Committee and is a member of the Street & Alley Commission. Mac Taggart was appointed assistant city controller in 1986 and became city controller a few years later.

Mitchell vote passes Senate

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populations below 5,000 seek that consent. Sen. Vince Demuzio (D-Carlinville) said he voted present rather than affirmative because he didn't feel he knew the legislation well enough to vote yes. "It came directly out of

the House and the Rules Committee and kicked it to the Senate," he said. "I don't know what impact it has. Democrats voted no or present simply because they didn't know what it was about."

He said that some of the senators believed the bill only affected four counties in Illinois and others were not sure how many counties it would affect.

Nun rolls over foot problems

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many as a novelty. However, during the 1960s and early 1970s several were used as a common link from the nurses' stations to patients' rooms after the addition of the Binney Wing in 1961.

Thomas began the scooter craze four decades ago when he asked Bob Edmonds, then an industrial engineer at Granite City Steel who

was on the medical center's board, if he could devise some form of gadget that would help expedite patient rounds for the medical staff for the distribution of medications and supplies. The scooters quickly became an everyday sight after Edmonds located a few inside the plant's warehouse.

It's only fitting now that Thomas is the benefactor of the scooter, which she was indirectly responsible for.

Veterans receive overdue WWII medals

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Okinawa, received the Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal with two bronze service stars, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two bronze service stars, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Philippine Republic Ribbon, Honorable Service Lapel Button, and Sharpshooter Badge with carbine bar.

Cruse joined the Army in May 1943 and made it to Europe and the 1st Army in time for the Battle of the Bulge.

"I was all over Belgium, Holland and Germany all the way to the Russian lines," he said. "I was down in the Bulge in no-man's land on Dec. 16."

He said most of his wartime experience involved driving officers around.

"We were lucky enough, or unlucky enough, depending on how you think about it, to overrun a horror camp where they made the V-2 rockets," he said. "They had ovens and everything."

Cruse said he never received his medals after getting out of the Army in 1945 and had tried to get them through the Department of Defense before contacting Costello's office about one and a half months ago.

McAlister joined in November 1942.

He served in the 96th Infantry Division and participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands.

"Our division was the first one to hit Leyte Island," he said.

He remembered his 1st sergeant telling them as they were hitting the beaches to remember everything he had taught them and they would survive.

"We no more than hit the beach and he was the first one who got hit," he said.

McAlister then went on to fight at Okinawa and was "halfway to Tokyo" when the peace treaty was signed.

"I was sweating that one out," he said.

Costello said his office usually receives about 20 requests per year from veterans.

"What we have found is that the children ask their parents, fathers in most cases, to get all of their medals," Costello said.

He said many veterans did not consider medals important when they left the service.

"We have found that when they get their discharge papers they are so happy to

get out that they are gone and do not request the medals," he said.

Costello also said the movie "Saving Private Ryan" has generated interest.

One problem in obtaining medals is that most of the military records are not available because the main repository for records before 1965, located in St. Louis,

"it destroyed literally thousands of documents for thousands of veterans around the country," Costello said.

"That has presented a problem," he said. "Many of the veterans that come to us have written the Veterans' Administration and they get a letter back saying they do not have the documenta-

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Nov.2	Boys Tryouts	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:45
Nov.3	Boys Tryouts	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:45
Nov.4	Boys Tryouts	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:45
Nov.8	Girls Tryouts	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:45
Nov.9	Girls Tryouts	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:45
Nov.10	Girls Tryouts	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:45
Nov.15	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:30
Nov.16	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:30
Nov.17	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:30
Nov.18	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:30
Nov.22	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:30
Nov.23	vs. BV West	AMF Bowland	3:00 6:00 (2:45)
Nov.24	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:00 6:00
Nov.29	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:30
Dec.1	vs. Cahokia	AMF Bowland	3:00 6:00 (2:45)
Dec.2	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:30
Dec.3	at O'Fallon	AMF Bowland	2:30 6:00 (end of 6th)
Dec.6	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:30
Dec.7	at Cahokia	AMF Bowland	3:00 6:00 (end of 6th)
Dec.8	vs. Alton	AMF Bowland	3:00 6:00 (2:45)
Dec.9	vs. Edwardsville	AMF Bowland	3:00 6:00 (2:45)
Dec.13	Practice	AMF Bowland	3:10 5:30
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Fri. 12/3	Berkley	6:00PM	Away
Sun. 12/5	Roosevelt Classic	12:30PM	SUE
Tue. 12/7	MT. Vernon	6:00PM	Away
Sat. 12/11	Jerseyville	6:15PM	Madison
Sat. 12/14	Metra East	6:15PM	Madison
Fri. 12/17	Centralia	6:30PM	Away
Sat. 12/18	Tournament	TBA	
Mon. 12/27	Flora	6:30PM	Madison
Tue. 1/4	St. Louis Christ. Acad.	6:30PM	Madison
Fri. 1/7	McCluer	6:00PM	Madison
Fri. 1/14	Pinfield	6:30PM	Away
Tue. 1/18	Sparta Team	TBA	Sparta
Fri. 1/24	Dupo	6:00PM	Away
Fri. 2/4	Vernice	6:00PM	Away
Tue. 2/15	Illinois	6:00PM	Away
Fri. 2/18	Teunpella	6:00PM	Away
Sat. 2/19	Waterloo	6:15PM	Away
Mon. 2/21	Regionals	TBA	Regionals

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Mon. 11/15	Dupo Team	4:00PM	Away
Wed. 11/24	Walden	4:00PM	Away
Tue. 12/7	Cahokia	6:15PM	Madison
Sat. 12/11	Metra East	1:00PM	Away
Mon. 12/16	Tower Grove (Varsity)	6:00PM	Away
Tue. 12/20	Dupo	6:00PM	Madison
Mon. 12/27	Alton	6:00PM	Madison
Wed. 12/15	Lebanon	6:00PM	Madison
Mon. 1/10	Metra-East (Fresh)	6:00PM	Away
Tue. 1/18	St. Louis Christ. Acad.	6:00PM	Madison
Mon. 1/24	Riverview Ma.	6:00PM	Away
Tue. 1/27	Bunker Hill	6:00PM	Away
Fri. 1/28	Dupo	6:30PM	Madison
Tue. 2/1	Columbia	6:30PM	Madison
Mon. 2/7	Volmeyer	6:00PM	Away
Tue. 2/17	Waterloo	6:00PM	Away
Mon. 2/21	Regionals	TBA	Regionals
Tue. 2/22	Sectionals	TBA	TBA
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Tue. 2/25	State Finals	TBA	TBA

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Tue. 1/25	Roxana	3:15PM	Away
Tue. 1/27	Alton-West	3:30PM	Madison
Tue. 2/1	Wood River	3:30PM	Madison
Tue. 2/3	East-Alton	3:30PM	Madison
Tue. 2/8	Alton-North	3:30PM	Madison
Tue. 2/10	G.C. Coolidge	3:30PM	Madison
Tue. 2/15	Edwardsville	3:30PM	Away
Tue. 2/17	Edwardsville	3:30PM	Away
Tue. 2/22	G.C. Grigsby	4:00PM	Madison
Tue. 2/24	Collinsville	3:30PM	Madison
Tue. 2/25	Belleville	3:30PM	Madison
Tue. 3/2	Roxana	3:30PM	Away
Tue. 3/7	Alton-West	3:15PM	Madison
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to His still, small voice within you. To obey is to find the answers.

The Bible says, "Greater is He that is within you than the enemy in the world." God's presence cannot be absorbed by talking of or taking part in the devil's works and tricks. The enemy wants to upset us and stifle our creativity, but we can overcome by learning his tactics, handling conflicts calmly and praying for God's wisdom. The devil has no new thoughts, just new people to use.

Inner self-control helps allow God's thoughts to take over. God is full of new ideas and creativity. "God is good and His love is everlasting," wrote Mary Blue of Florissant. So, let your confidence be in God. He has the final say. The joy of the Lord is like ammunition. It defeats the enemy every time.

"Don't be discouraged by criticism, just pray that God will touch their heart and soul," wrote Maria Morales of St. Louis.

Those who comfort with a helping hand, who encourage with praise, and love with God's love, defeat the enemy every time.

May you be blessed by remembering we are sons and daughters of the magnificent King, wonderfully made creations that God put on this earth not to be victims but victorious. What a beautiful quality you have, dear reader, to be able to humble yourself enough to learn from God's wisdom. It is a gift that begets greatness. Read His textbook, become a heavenly student.

We are in a battle and the battlefield is in our minds. Don't let the enemy's thoughts remain there. You can't stop the enemy from throwing negative thoughts, like missiles, into your mind, but you can respond with anti-missiles of God's word and destroy it before it makes a scar.

At the end of a trying day, leave all of it behind you as you put your mind on God, of whom

A New You



Catherine Galasso

St. Paul said, "Cast all your cares upon Him for He cares for you." When you eliminate negativity, malice and strife, I believe angels gather and rejoice with you. Don't cheat yourself of that time of rejoicing. Drink in the smiles of Jesus. With His congratulatory arm around your

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shoulders, walk out on the balcony of life and look at the setting sun.

In the cool of the evening, have you ever heard the sweet coo of doves? The words I imagine as a backdrop for that precious bird's sound is from John 17 that says, "I in thee, thee in me." This is the greatest desire He has.

And the love that we share from Him, dear readers, is eter-

nal. Rest in this knowledge, we are never alone, there is always us three - Him...you...and me.

Catherine Galasso is a freelance columnist for the *Suburban Journals*. You may write to her at *Suburban Journals*, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, MO, 63131 or by e-mail at west-news@primary.net.

Milestones

Dec. 5

Birthdays:
Rich Slay turns 53
Tony Evans turns 27
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Birthdays:
Robert Lewis turns 73
Elizabeth Eikman turns 8
Fred Dattner turns 75
Nancy Padgett turns 21

Dec. 7

Birthdays:
Sally Kellerman

Dec. 8

Birthdays:
Dave Gordon turns 66
Maria Fernandez turns 18
Ray Israel turns 37
Duane Smalley turns 44
Judy Chapman and Theresa Horvat

Anniversaries:

Carl and Georgia Downs, 54 years

Dec. 9

Birthdays:
Theresa Hodan turns 39
David McCoskey turns 14
Laura Winnie turns 25
Josh Smalley turns 17
Becky Johnson

Anniversaries:
Maurice and Ann Siebert

Dec. 10

Birthdays:
Gary Rowden turns 55
Kathleen Curtin turns 19
Dustin Murphy turns 11
Pauline Gibeau turns 71
Scott Smalley turns 20
William Dodge
Kimberly Ehrlich
Arlitha Taylor
Barbara Mackin

Anniversaries:

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Davidson, 50 years
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rowden, 34 years

Dec. 11

Birthdays:
Joyce Miller turns 46
Amy Wright turns 23
Jessica Pashadeq turns 18
Nettie Koehler turns 76
Stan Myers turns 42
Sara Myers turns 17
Doug Mueller turns 20
Nancy Schreiber
Tarryn Wofford
Pammy Temple
Mallory Smith turns 6
Ricki McIntosh

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St. Clair, Madison county farms named disaster areas by USDA

Emergency loans available for victims of last summer's drought

By April Calvin
Staff writer

Illinois farmers who suffered during the summer drought may soon breathe easier.

St. Clair and Madison counties are among those named primary disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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The designation covers another 43 other counties. Monroe was among 25 counties called contiguous disaster areas.

"They were selected by the

USDA, which evaluates drought damage," said Brian Stoller, press secretary for U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald's office.

"Sen. Fitzgerald worked with Gov. Ryan and Sen. Durbin," Stoller said.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin requested the relief in October.

The aid is intended to offset losses following the severe drought that extended from July 1, 1999, to the present. Farmers in all qualifying counties can apply for relief in the form of loans. Emergency Loan Assistance comes through the USDA Farm Service Agency. Up to \$500,000

will be available for each applicant.

The money can be used to refinance farm debts, pay living expenses, production costs, reorganize farm operations or repair or replace farm equipment such as livestock, fences or orchards.

"The state's neediest farmers are the ones the loans are aimed at," Stoller said.

Farmers who are unable to get bank loans, for example, will still be eligible for the disaster aid loans.

"It was a collaborative effort between Illinois' elected officials to get this designation for the Illinois counties," he said.

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May seals SWC victory for Warriors

Senior point guard sinks final
6 free throws in 49-48 victory

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Zack May's December romance with upsetting Edwardsville celebrated its second anniversary Friday night. The Warriors' senior point guard hit all six of his free throws down the stretch to lead Granite City to a 49-48 defeat of the host Tigers, a victory margin one point greater than a similar win to open the regular season last year.

"If they are going to foul somebody, we want them to foul Zack," Granite City head coach John VanBuskirk said. "He is our best free-throw shooter for three years."

Travis Evans' foul with 1:08 to play in a game put Granite in the bonus, and May made both shots from the charity stripe to give the Warriors a 45-43 lead. Edwardsville turned the ball over and then fouled May again. The free throws gave Granite a four-point lead, 47-43.

With 26.6 seconds left to play, Taylor O'Bryan drained a three-pointer to put Edwardsville within one, 47-46. May was fouled quickly on the in-bounds play and made both free throws to give Granite a three-point lead.

The Tigers had one last chance, but with the clock winding down, center Matt Flach drove the lane for two points. Matt Pistorius held the ball out of bounds for the final three seconds, and the Warriors had their second win of the season.

"We were behind by three, and when they know that you are going to shoot a 3, it's hard to get a 3," Tigers coach Mike Waldo said. "So we felt that we would get a quick two and foul or try to steal the in-bound pass. It took us longer to get a shot than we wanted, and then we were probably pretty close to the brink of shooting too late."

"That was an awfully good team effort by all of the kids," VanBuskirk said. "The two kids who came off of the bench, Andy MacTaggart and Jon Slay, did a very good job. To beat a good team like Edwardsville, you have to have a performance from everybody."

"I think we handled their pressure very well when they were jumping up on us," said Pistorius. "I think that is a credit to the fact that Zack and I have been seeing that for the past three years. It's a lot easier to handle now."

Edwardsville was led by Doug Shapiro and Flach, who each scored 14 points. Matt Allaria punched in 12.

The Tigers limited May to nine points and Pistorius to eight, but little did Edwardsville know that Brandon Smith would explode for 14 points in his first starting assignment.

"I thought we defended well," Waldo

"If they are going to foul somebody, we want them to foul Zack. He is our best free-throw shooter."

John VanBuskirk
Granite City coach

said, "May and Pistorius have really made a lot of points for them this year, and I thought that we really did a good job of guarding them. I thought Travis (Evans) was outstanding on defense tonight, and I thought we also got a lot

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Xplorers discover hardship

Special teams lift
Illinois Warriors to
7-2 home victory

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Alton Marquette Xplorers may be missing an "E," but they gained an "I" courtesy of the Illinois

Warriors. The Xplorers lit the lamp seven times and sent Alton Marquette to a 7-2 defeat at Wilson Park Wednesday night.

The Xplorers got on the board first, when leading scorer Scott Warner tallied on the power play early in the first period.

But it was all Warriors after that. Brett Solberger tied the game at 1-1 on a pass from Bobby Meszaros. Solberger then returned the favor, dropping the puck to the point and a waiting Meszaros, whose blast found the net with a minute left in the first.

Meszaros got his second assist, just 1:02 into the second period, with the Warriors down a man. Meszaros stole the puck in the Marquette zone, went in alone, and beat the goalie high to the glove side to give the home team a 3-1 lead.

John Stordahl scored a power-play goal when the



Bobby Meszaros scored a hat trick against Alton Marquette.

Xplorers left the front of their net undefended midway through the second. Meszaros then clinched his hat trick with a goal four minutes into the third.

Luke Forester sandwiched two goals — one on the power play and one short-handed — around a score by Marquette's Andy Schulz to seal the victory.

"Special teams have been our secret weapon for the past three years," Warriors coach Paul Solberger said. "Last year in the first four games, we were 100 percent on the power play and 85 percent on the penalty kill."

"We took a lot of penalties tonight, and we gave up a goal late. We were working some kids into the line-up. But our penalty kill and our power play have been major weapons for us. I have to give my assistant, Doug

Suess, a world of credit. He is our power play and penalty kill specialist. We can get it going and teams can't stop it. I give him a lot of credit for setting that up."

While Meszaros more than handled the offensive chores, Stordahl was the best player on the ice Wednesday night.

"John is one of the leading scorers on the team," Solberger said. "He plays on a line with Brett and Bobby. One of the reasons John is our captain at home is that we ask a lot of him."

"John moved back to play a position that he is not real familiar with, and he had an outstanding hockey game. I don't think, defensively, there was a better player out there than John. He

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Granite City holds off Stars

Hensley, Bisto, Berg
draw coach's praise
for effort on offense

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City held off Florissant (Mo.) McCluer North

4-3 in Mid-States Club Hockey Association play on Thursday, but sloppiness almost cost the host Warriors the game.

The Warriors jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a goal by Ty Suhre but gave up a power-play goal that tied the score. When the Warriors tried to get physical, and the Stars counter-attacked,

"David Kleuskens missed a shot," said Yurkovich. "He is very physical, but at times he goes after the body when he shouldn't. He missed a check, the guy walked around him, and we ended up giving up a goal and found ourselves down 2-1."

But Granite City came back. Greg Pritchard and Suhre worked the puck down low, and Pritchard found Suhre alone in front. Suhre's score tied the game at 2-2.

"They were moving the puck real well and doing the things they needed to do," Yurkovich said. "We have been talking about that. Offensively we have not been doing a very good job of controlling the corners and behind the net. We have just been dumping the puck in and nobody has been going in to get it."

Joe Berg put the Warriors ahead for good early in the second period, and Danny Fergusson added a fourth late in the period



Granite City's Andy Bisto grapples for the puck.

on the power play.

The Stars got within one late in the third, but goaltender Brian Reese and a conscientious defense took care of the last two minutes to preserve victory.

"Late in the game we broke down defensively," Yurkovich said. "We got caught in the corner, we threw the puck out in the slot, their kid picked it up and threw it right into the net. We are still playing a little sloppy at times, and we just aren't thinking our way through this game. We are just going through the motions and making a lot of reaction plays. Until we get to

where we are thinking through this game, we are not going to have much success."

"The one thing that I was very pleased with tonight was the line of Kyle Hensley, Andrew Bisto and Joe Berg. When those three had the puck, they were cycling down in the corners, they were cycling behind the net. Every time they got pressured, they dumped it into the open area, and they knew that somebody was going to be there to support them."

"That's the thing we have

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Adler races to junior sprint car national championship in California

East Carondelet boy wins 43 races, including run for NMMA crown

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

Ten-year-old Daniel Adler is the 1999 junior sprint car national champion, but that hasn't made him a celebrity among his classmates.

"They don't really understand it," said Daniel, a fifth-grader at DuPont Elementary School. "They call what I race 'go carts' when it has wings and stuff."

The son of Mike and Carlene Adler of East Carondelet, Daniel began racing quarter midget cars at age 6.

"I used to race stock cars at Belle-Claire and Tri-City (speedways), but we just kind of stumbled across quarter midget racing," Mike said. "We happened to be at Gateway (International Raceway) when it used to be a drag strip and they were having a race there."

"When Gateway expanded, they moved the quarter midgets to Cole County Speedway in Charleston. That's Daniel's home track and that's where he started racing. I sold all my equipment to get him started."

Daniel raced three years in quarter midgets, earning more than 80 trophies for top-three finishes.

"For the first three weeks, they call you a rookie and you have to start in the back in every single race," Daniel said. "But my first weekend, I won the feature race coming all the way from the back."

Last April, Daniel moved up to junior sprints, a winged sprint car. He drives a Kidwell junior sprint car with a 100-cc Yamaha engine, built by Laukaitis Racing.

Daniel capped his first season in junior sprints by winning the 1999 National Modified Midget Association Championship Race on Aug. 14 in Hanford, Calif. The victory also helped him place first overall in the NMMA national point standings.

"He won 43 races this season. I couldn't believe it when I added them up," Mike said. "He only won the national championship by two points. The point totals are scaled according to how big the race is, and he got 300 points for winning the national race."

In addition to racing at Charleston, Daniel competed in

regional and state races in Camden (Ind.), Wayne City, and Sweet Springs (Mo.).

"This year Daniel won the (Charleston) track, regional and national championships plus the California race, which is tough to do," Mike said. "It seems like racing comes pretty natural to him."

Daniel has a simple explanation for his success.

"You have to pay attention," he said. "I may miss a wreck by two inches, but some kid may get in a wreck when it's 50 feet in front of him."

"You also need a great crew member to set up your car." That's where Mike Adler and his racing background comes in to play.

"There are many hours spent out at the garage and out at the track," Mike said. "It's a good family thing. We and my daughter (Amy, 13) go to the races every weekend."

"(Daniel) is really into it. At this point, he wants to go after a racing career. A lot of families just do it for fun, but now that we've moved up to junior sprints, there are a lot more people like him that are after something."



Daniel Adler, 10, of East Carondelet, poses with his trophies and his sprint car. Daniel capped his first season in junior sprints by winning the 1999 National Modified Midget Association Championship Race on Aug. 14 in Hanford, Calif.

Scott Marion photo

G Boys basketball results

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	Collinsville Christian 53, St. Charles Christian 36															Derrick Twissell			
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	Collinsville Christian	16	7	20	28	53												Rich Twissell	
	St. Charles Christian-PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	FTL	FTSL	AST	OF	DF	BK					Jane Bayers	
	Euton	14	3	15	1	2	5	9	2	7	6	6	0					Jason Guyette	
	Green	5	2	5	5	5	5	2	2	0	1	0	1					Tye Lucas	
	Swartz	8	3	10	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	3	1	1			Pat Smith	
	J. Cummings	2	1	3	0	3	0	0	4	4	2	1	2	0				Drew Gerreck	
	J. Cummings	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			Bob Blumberg	
	Harris	1	0	10	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	0	0	0				Jim Dibble	
	Harris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			Laini O'Neil	
	Harris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				Venice	
	Alfson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				Laini O'Neil	
	Totals	36	10	46	2	12	10	23	11	23	72	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	John Chapman
	Collinsville Christian-PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	FTL	FTSL	AST	OF	DF	BK						Milton Dowman
	16	10	12	0	0	2	8	1	6	3	2	4							Jesse Edwards
Shelton	10	4	12	0	0	2	8	1	6	3	2	4						Paul Roberts	
Ellis	7	3	6	0	0	1	5	2	1	0	2	0						Aaron Hamilton	
C. Collins	5	1	2	1	3	0	2	5	2	0	2	0						Tomlinson	
C. Collins	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						Asnorse Descho	
Rush	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2						Markins Descho	
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0						Robert Ramsey	
Kaiser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						Aaron Strouther	
Bogart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0						Totals	
A. Collins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0							
Totals	53	22	46	2	4	3	11	22	21	8	13	29	5						
	Freeburg 64, Venice 60																		
Freeburg	16	15	18	5	64														
16	19	14	5	80														Chaminade	

PTS	2FA	3FA	3FA	3FA	FT	FTA	FL	STL	AST	OF	DF	BLK
17	2	2	3	0	4	4	2	2	0	2	0	0
12	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
12	8	0	1	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0
10	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
7	6	2	3	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	2
7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	17	29	5	8	15	7	13	4	20	4	0	5
PTS	2FA	3FA	3FA	3FA	FT	FTA	FL	STL	AST	OF	DF	BLK
20	10	6	11	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0
10	6	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	5	8	8	1	1	1	5	4	0	1	3	4
7	3	1	4	0	7	1	2	2	0	1	1	2
20	10	6	11	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0
7	3	1	4	0	7	1	2	2	0	1	1	2
2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	10	6	11	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0
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60	29	49	0	11	2	12	16	8	7	13	19	0

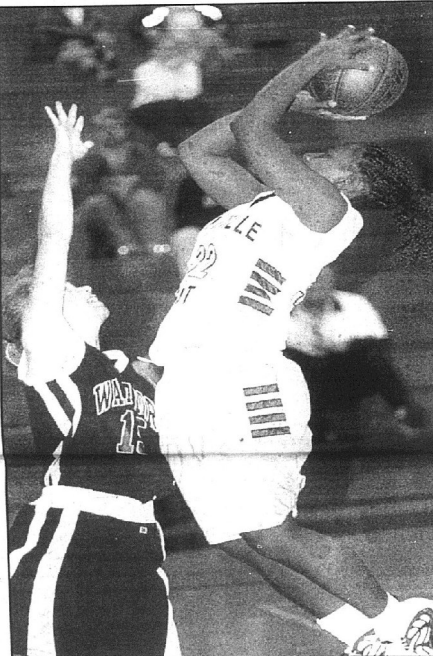
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 Bellville East 72, Crewe County (Mo.) Chamaine 62
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Bellefonte East	24	12	16	20	FT	FL	STL	AST	OF	DF	BK
Chaminade	PTB	21	6	13	1	1	6	2	5	2	9
Braden Linn	14	0	1	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brian Lang	8	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	8
Ed Morris	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenneth Lee	8	1	3	1	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
Graham Bailey	5	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frank Bennett	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
John Schnietzgoeck	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Corrigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee Goodield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Hart	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Lueken	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Morris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	62	16	38	6	18	12	15	16	7	24	21
Bellefonte East	PTB	28	10	17	3	6	7	3	5	8	4
Blanton Johnston	22	8	10	1	2	3	6	0	2	3	4
Mark Mueller	6	2	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jeff Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Byron Coates	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Malone	4	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
Mike Blunak	3	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Craig Daniels	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Kris Crosby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shane Dele	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jared Kniepikamp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adrian Mason	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Montgomery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	72	20	46	4	10	8	18	0	0	15	3

Girls basketball results

Dec. 2													
Athliff 76, Chalkie 33													
Athliff	28	21	25	22	-	76							
Chalkie	12	8					12	8					
Athliff	PTS	2FG	3FG	3FG	3FA	FT	FL	STL	AST	OF	DF	BF	BK
Ackley Phillips	16	6	11	0	0	4	6	0	2	1	1	3	4
Stearns-Lisch	12	11	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	4	0
Kelly Peil	12	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	5	0
Madley Kirby	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Tom Seabert	9	4	10	0	0	1	2	1	2	5	1	0	0
Lisa Murray	7	3	6	0	0	1	2	3	5	3	0	0	0
Jeff Wasmack	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Ashley Fischer	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0
Boudin	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin Sandman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Britany Swie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	76	34	64	0	0	10	28	10	28	20	14	20	0
Chalkie	PTS	2FG	3FG	3FG	3FA	FT	FL	STL	AST	OF	DF	BF	BK
Michelle Hill	13	6	9	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	6	0	0
Debra Jefferson	12	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Brandi Fowler	5	2	5	0	0	1	2	5	2	1	0	3	0
Lafonia Scott	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shanelle Richards	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Jamika Wells	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0
Torinhu Townsend	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vertha Winters	0	0	4	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Cassandra Cherry	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lafonia Winters	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	0	0	0
Labanya Carson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lafonia Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angelia McDine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kayanna Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inda Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	11	40	2	6	5	14	13	10	14	9	14	0

	PTS	50	25	28	0	3	3	16	17	35	0	17	3
	PTS	50	25	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FT	FL	STL	AST	OF	BF
Tara Morarity	17	8	6	0	0	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	24
Anthony Phillips	15	5	8	0	0	0	1	8	1	0	0	0	20
Steve Siebert	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	4	0	7	1
Kelly Pelt	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	0
Maddy Kirby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Wiernecke	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Bousson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stacy Sandman	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ashley Fechter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emrily Swick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	50	25	28	0	3	3	6	17	35	0	17	3	
Mater Del	PTS	50	25	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FT	FL	STL	AST	OF	BF
Stephanie Hines	20	12	10	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	8	0	24
Sarah Winkler	20	4	8	2	3	3	0	3	3	2	0	0	20
Donna Haisle	8	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cori Young	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	4	0	2
Carly Haisl	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0
Laura Winkler	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laura Tucker	1	0	6	0	4	1	4	3	2	3	4	2	0
Michelle Alexander	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0
Katie Fuenne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Amy Friedrich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cara Athman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lindsay Cook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dana Gebke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brockie Gostkowski	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicole Gostkowski	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ann Hornstmann	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicky Hual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katie Kellermann	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marissa Kohnen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karina Maue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	85	15	37	3	9	26	44	11	14	8	18	13	4



T.L. Witt photo

Belleville East's Ebonie Halliburton shoots over the top of Granite City's Erin Tyler during the Lancers' 65-38 victory Tuesday in Southwestern Conference action. See the league standings on Page B3 of today's Journal.

		Nov. 30		Dec. 7		Dec. 14		Dec. 21		Dec. 28		Jan. 4		Jan. 11		Jan. 18		Jan. 25		Feb. 1		Feb. 8		Feb. 15		Feb. 22		Feb. 29		Mar. 6		Mar. 13		Mar. 20		Mar. 27		Apr. 3		Apr. 10		Apr. 17		Apr. 24		May 1		May 8		May 15		May 22		May 29		Jun. 5		Jun. 12		Jun. 19		Jun. 26		Jul. 3		Jul. 10		Jul. 17		Jul. 24		Jul. 31		Aug. 7		Aug. 14		Aug. 21		Aug. 28		Sep. 4		Sep. 11		Sep. 18		Sep. 25		Oct. 2		Oct. 9		Oct. 16		Oct. 23		Oct. 30		Nov. 6		Nov. 13		Nov. 20		Nov. 27		Dec. 4		Dec. 11		Dec. 18		Dec. 25		Jan. 1		Jan. 8		Jan. 15		Jan. 22		Jan. 29		Feb. 5		Feb. 12		Feb. 19		Feb. 26		Mar. 5		Mar. 12		Mar. 19		Mar. 26		Apr. 2		Apr. 9		Apr. 16		Apr. 23		Apr. 30		May 7		May 14		May 21		May 28		Jun. 4		Jun. 11		Jun. 18		Jun. 25		Jul. 2		Jul. 9		Jul. 16		Jul. 23		Jul. 30		Aug. 6		Aug. 13		Aug. 20		Aug. 27		Sep. 3		Sep. 10		Sep. 17		Sep. 24		Oct. 1		Oct. 8		Oct. 15		Oct. 22		Oct. 29		Nov. 5		Nov. 12		Nov. 19		Nov. 26		Dec. 3		Dec. 10		Dec. 17		Dec. 24		Dec. 31		Jan. 7		Jan. 14		Jan. 21		Jan. 28		Feb. 4		Feb. 11		Feb. 18		Feb. 25		Mar. 4		Mar. 11		Mar. 18		Mar. 25		Apr. 1		Apr. 8		Apr. 15		Apr. 22		Apr. 29		May 6		May 13		May 20		May 27		Jun. 3		Jun. 10		Jun. 17		Jun. 24		Jul. 1		Jul. 8		Jul. 15		Jul. 22		Jul. 29		Aug. 5		Aug. 12		Aug. 19		Aug. 26		Sep. 2		Sep. 9	
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Mount Vernon	11	16	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bellevue East	21	31	10	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nov. 30													
Mount Vernon	PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	STL	AST	O	F	D	BK
K. Krnita	10	5	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyatt	10	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Halo	7	2	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Krnita	6	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Adams	4	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kovacksi	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	44	16	0	1	0	8	12	21	0	0	0	0	0
Bellevue East	PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	STL	AST	O	F	D	BK
Brian Murphy	19	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Nickie Sanlin	18	10	0	0	4	11	2	2	1	4	0	0	0
Eddie Wallburton	12	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	0
Christy Devo	10	6	11	0	3	0	0	1	6	8	1	3	0
Morri Sanders	10	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Jillanne Jackson	8	5	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armanda Sanchez	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DeAnna Miller	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jill Hayswardch	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Kerri Higgins	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juanee Gray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monica Milton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	62	31	73	3	11	11	28	16	28	16	15	15	6
Nov. 30													
Granite City	PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	STL	AST	O	F	D	BK
Bellevue East	4	6	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov. 17	17	12	17	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Granite City	PTS	2FG	FGA	3FG	3FGA	FT	FTA	STL	AST	O	F	D	BK
Jessica Weston	11	11	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erin Terry	8	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sarah West	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Vasiloff	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Christina Withers	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Mitchell	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deia Moore	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tonya Biggs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashley Bogovich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Megan Coghlan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tabby Duff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christina Worthen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bellevue East	PTS	FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	SL	STL	AST	OF	DF	BLK					
Christy Dico	8	8	8	0	0	4	2	3	4	2	4	2	0					
Nickie Serrin	11	5	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	4	2	0					
Mona Sanders	6	3	10	0	0	1	2	1	0	6	2	3	0					
Ebonie Halliburton	7	3	10	0	0	1	2	1	0	6	2	3	0					
Adrenne May	6	3	3	1	3	0	0	1	3	0	3	0	0					
Breanna Murphy	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Amanda Jackson	4	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	0					
Keri Higgins	3	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0					
Juaniline Jackson	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Jill Hawachack	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Jules Crandz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Monica Milton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Totals	65	28	50	1	6	0	0	13	10	17	19	27	4					
Dec. 2																		
Bellevue West 59, O'Fallon 23																		
O'Fallon	PTS	FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	SL	STL	AST	OF	DF	BLK					
Bellevue West	6	15	4	0	23	15	59											
O'Fallon	PTS	FG	FGA	3FG	3FA	FT	FTA	SL	STL	AST	OF	DF	BLK					
Christy Anne Harbowl	7	7	10	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0					
Candice Hirtak	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0					
Carlene Veldman	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Kellie Parsons	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0					
Megan Meyer	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Becky Stone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					

Dec. 2														
Metro East Lutheran 55, Madison 54														
	16	6	9	16	4	14	65							
	PTS	FGA	3P	FGA	FT	FL	STL	AST	OF	DF	BK			
Madison	23	13	20	0	0	3	8	7	1	8	5			
John Hunsarian	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Kim Zukowsky	29	13	20	0	0	3	8	7	1	8	5			
Scott Williams	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Wendy Hunsarian	9	3	11	0	1	14	22	2	10	3	4			
Karen Wines	9	1	0	0	0	5	9	4	2	0	0			
Sarah Enke	9	2	6	0	0	5	9	4	2	0	0			
Ortrud Schaefer	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Luciana Wines	3	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	2	1	1			
Bethany Brannett	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Bethany Brannett	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Rachel Miller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Jennifer Lehl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Leah Chrysler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Rachel Lehl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Leigh Anne Staden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Kristen Subenhorst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Christina Weese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Total	65	28	65	28	65	28	46	15	16	16	30			
Madison	54	28	65	28	65	28	46	15	16	16	30			
Erma Solis													Totals	
Highland													Stephanie	
Stacey Mader													Michelle	
Michelle Fox													Courtney	
Kathy Hendrix													Sara	
Sara Unruh													Jennifer	
Jennifer Mader													Ann	
Herzberg													Jackie	
Jackie Koenig													Jessie	
Jessie Koenig													Jennifer	
Jennifer Koenig													Totals	
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Sports

MVCHA schedule

DATE	TIME	RINK	HOME	AWAY	Jan. 8	6:00	FH	Freeburg	Waterloo
Dec. 2	7:30	EA	Marquette	Edwardsville	Jan. 9	6:00	FH	Freeburg	Waterloo
Dec. 4	4:30	EA	Freeburg	Marquette	Jan. 9	6:45	EA	Marquette	Edwardsville
Dec. 4	5:15	CA	Freeburg	Marquette	Jan. 9	6:15	EA	EAWR	Freeburg
Dec. 4	5:30	EA	Southwestern	Jerseyville	Jan. 10	6:45	FH	Triad	Columbia
Dec. 4	6:00	FH	Belleville West	Collinsville	Jan. 11	6:45	FH	Freeburg	Edwardsville
Dec. 5	6:45	FH	Belleville West	Belleville East	Jan. 12	7:00	EA	Alton	O'Fallon
Dec. 5	6:45	EA	Highland	Roxana	Jan. 12	8:15	GC	Granite City	Edwardsville
Dec. 5	7:15	FH	Waterloo	Columbia	Jan. 13	7:30	EA	Bethalto	Edwardsville
Dec. 5	8:15	EA	Bethalto	Granite City	Jan. 15	4:30	FH	Belleville West	Belleville East
Dec. 7	6:45	FH	Waterloo	Triad	Jan. 15	5:15	CA	Columbia	Channahon
Dec. 8	7:00	EA	Alton	Bethalto	Jan. 15	5:30	EA	Marquette	Collinsville
Dec. 8	8:15	GC	Highland	Edwardsville	Jan. 16	5:15	CA	Channahon	Collinsville
Dec. 9	7:30	EA	Edwardsville	Granite City	Jan. 16	5:45	FH	Waterloo	Mascoutah
Dec. 11	4:30	FH	Belleville West	Channahon	Jan. 16	6:45	EA	Southwestern	Highland
Dec. 11	5:15	CA	Columbia	Southwestern	Jan. 16	7:15	FH	O'Fallon	Belleville West
Dec. 11	5:30	EA	Roxana	Jerseyville	Jan. 18	8:15	EA	Roxana	Triad
Dec. 12	5:45	FH	Mascoutah	Freeburg	Jan. 18	8:15	EA	Belleville East	Granite City
Dec. 12	6:45	EA	Marquette	Belleville East	Jan. 18	8:15	EA	Belleville East	Granite City
Dec. 12	7:15	FH	Columbia	Roxana	Jan. 19	7:00	EA	Alton	Marquette
Dec. 12	8:15	EA	Jerseyville	Southwestern	Jan. 19	8:15	GC	Southwestern	Highland
Dec. 13	6:45	FH	Mascoutah	Waterloo	Jan. 20	7:30	EA	Roxana	Jerseyville
Dec. 14	6:45	FH	Belleville West	Edwardsville	Jan. 22	4:30	FH	Triad	Columbia
Dec. 15	7:00	EA	Roxana	Mascoutah	Jan. 22	5:15	CA	Waterloo	Columbia
Dec. 15	8:15	GC	Granite City	Channahon	Jan. 22	5:30	EA	Bethalto	Channahon
Dec. 16	7:30	EA	Freeburg	Freeburg	Jan. 22	6:00	FH	Belleville West	Collinsville
Dec. 16	4:30	FH	Columbia	O'Fallon	Jan. 23	5:45	FH	Freeburg	Mascoutah
Dec. 16	5:15	CA	Channahon	Belleville East	Jan. 23	6:45	EA	EAWR	Mascoutah
Dec. 16	6:00	FH	Triad	Highland	Jan. 23	7:15	FH	Belleville West	Channahon
Dec. 16	6:45	FH	Waterloo	Southwestern	Jan. 23	8:15	EA	Freeburg	Mascoutah
Dec. 19	4:45	EA	Bethalto	Belleville West	Jan. 24	6:45	FH	Freeburg	Mascoutah
Dec. 19	7:15	FH	Belleville East	O'Fallon	Jan. 25	6:45	FH	Mascoutah	Highland
Dec. 19	8:15	EA	Marquette	O'Fallon	Jan. 26	5:45	EA	Jerseyville	Highland
Dec. 20	6:45	FH	Columbia	Columbia	Jan. 26	7:15	EA	Edwardsville	Collinsville
Dec. 21	6:45	FH	O'Fallon	Alton	Jan. 27	8:15	GC	Granite City	Alton
Dec. 22	5:45	EA	Roxana	Jerseyville	Jan. 27	6:30	EA	Bethalto	Freeburg
Dec. 22	6:45	FH	Belleville West	Belleville East	Jan. 29	4:30	FH	Triad	Channahon
Dec. 22	8:15	GC	Granite City	Marquette	Jan. 29	5:15	CA	Hokana	Belleville East
Dec. 23	7:30	EA	EAWR	Waterloo	Jan. 29	6:00	FH	Belleville East	O'Fallon
Dec. 26	5:15	CA	Channahon	Channahon	Jan. 30	5:15	CA	Columbia	Mascoutah
Dec. 26	6:45	FH	Highland	Jerseyville	Jan. 31	6:45	FH	Collinsville	O'Fallon
Dec. 26	7:15	FH	Belleville West	Belleville West	Feb. 1	6:45	FH	Southwestern	Freeburg
Dec. 26	8:15	EA	Roxana	Roxana	Feb. 2	5:15	EA	Freeburg	Marquette
Dec. 27	6:45	FH	Columbia	Alton	Feb. 2	7:15	EA	Highland	Belleville West
Dec. 28	6:45	FH	Jerseyville	Southwestern	Feb. 3	7:30	EA	Alton	Granite City
Dec. 29	5:15	EA	Marquette	Edwardsville	Feb. 5	4:30	FH	Channahon	O'Fallon
Dec. 29	6:45	FH	Belleville West	Belleville West	Feb. 5	5:15	CA	Channahon	O'Fallon
Dec. 29	8:15	GC	Granite City	Granite City	Feb. 5	5:30	EA	Edwardsville	Roxana
Dec. 30	7:30	EA	Edwardsville	Highland	Feb. 5	6:00	FH	Waterloo	Southwestern
Jan. 1	4:30	FH	Waterloo	Triad	Feb. 6	6:45	FH	Jerseyville	EAWR
Jan. 1	5:30	EA	EAWR	Freeburg	Feb. 6	7:15	FH	Belleville East	Channahon
Jan. 1	6:00	FH	O'Fallon	Bethalto	Feb. 6	8:15	EA	Alton	Edwardsville
Jan. 2	5:45	FH	Freeburg	Roxana	Feb. 7	6:45	FH	Belleville West	Marquette
Jan. 2	6:45	EA	Marquette	Bethalto	Feb. 8	6:45	FH	Waterloo	Bethalto
Jan. 2	7:15	EA	Columbia	Jerseyville	Feb. 9	6:45	FH	Alton	Edwardsville
Jan. 3	6:45	FH	Mascoutah	Triad	Feb. 9	7:00	EA	Edwardsville	Marquette
Jan. 4	6:45	FH	O'Fallon	Belleville West	Feb. 9	7:00	EA	Highland	Southwestern
Jan. 5	7:00	EA	Jerseyville	Mascoutah	Feb. 9	8:15	GC	Highland	Southwestern
Jan. 5	8:15	GC	Granite City	Alton	Feb. 10	7:30	EA	EAWR	Freeburg
Jan. 6	7:30	EA	EAWR	Roxana					
Jan. 8	4:30	FH	Belleville East	Bethalto					
Jan. 8	5:15	CA	Channahon	Edwardsville					
Jan. 8	8:15	EA	Southwestern	Triad					

(All times are p.m. unless otherwise noted. Rinks: FH - Fairview Heights; EA - East Alton; GC - Granite City; CA - Channahon.)

Girls basketball standings

GIRLS BASKETBALL				East St. Louis				0-0				0-2				Centralia				0-0				NA			
Cahokia Conference				Alton				0-1				0-1				Carbondale				0-0				NA			
Granite City				0-1				0-1				0-2															
Team				League				Overall				W-L				Team				League				Overall			
Columbia				0-0				0-0				Mississippi Valley Conference				Team				League				Overall			
Carlyle				1-0				1-0				Team				W-L				Sevier				0-0			
Breese Central				2-0				3-1				Hannock				0-0				0-0				0-0			
Dupo				0-0				0-2				Jensville				1-0				Metro East Lutheran				0-0			
Red Bud				0-0				0-2				Highland				1-0				1-0				0-0			
Wenden				0-1				0-4				Mascoutah				1-1				1-1				0-0			
New Athens				0-1				0-6				Waterloo				0-1				0-1				0-0			
Lebanon				0-2				2-3				Bethalto Civic Memorial				0-1				0-7				0-0			
Freeburg				0-2				1-5																St. Charles Lutheran			
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Boys basketball standings

BOYS BASKETBALL				Great Overland Trails			
Cahokia Conference				League			
Team		Overall	W-L	Team		Overall	W-L
Edwardsville		0-0	0-0	Winfield		0-0	4-0
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Loftus stands tall in tourney

6-foot-4 senior leads Collinsville to title at Taylorville Tournament

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

If there are doubts surrounding the ability of Collinsville High senior post player Amy Loftus, she seems ready to provide the answer.

Loftus helped the Kahoks dominate the field at the Taylorville Thanksgiving Tournament and win its first championship at the event. Collinsville swept through the field for a 5-0 record to start the 1999-2000 season.

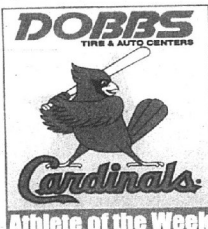
Loftus entered the season with a heavy burden as Collinsville tried to replace its all-time leading scorer and single-season scoring leader in Autumn Dow, now playing at McKendree College. Dow accounted for 46 percent of Collinsville's offense last season as the team reached a school record 22 wins.

But Loftus has made an early statement for the Kahoks.

The 6-foot-4 senior averaged 21.8 points per game in the five games at Taylorville. She added 43 rebounds (8.6 per game), blocked nine shots and made 14 of 17 from the free-throw line. Loftus was named to the all-tournament team for her efforts.

"For a kid following into what she followed herself into, she has really done an exceptional job," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said. "She has come in and scored; she has rebounded and she has just played well."

"I was really pleased with her because she really let the game come to her. She didn't panic when they did different things to her. She was really conscious of what was going on and just made every situation was a good one for her. She didn't try to



force things and that is all you can ask."

Loftus scored 24 points against both Pana and Jacksonville in the tournament, posting career highs.

However, McFall thought her 21-point performance in the opening game against Nokomis, the IHSA Class A defending state champion, was her best game.

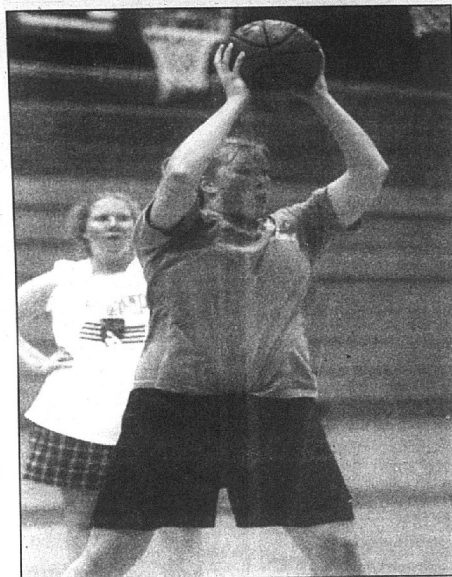
"She was very good," McFall said. "That kind of set the tone for everything we were doing. She was equally as good against Taylorville."

"She was named all-tournament as was Rachel (Stabenfeldt). They both deserved it."

Loftus opened the 1999-2000 season in perhaps the best shape of her career, which has fewer injuries than its share of injuries.

Last year, she missed the beginning of the season with a broken foot. The injury slowed her throughout the season.

"People thought I would come out here and be bad," Loftus



John Swistak Jr. photo

Collinsville senior Amy Loftus averaged 21.8 points per game in the five games at the Taylorville Thanksgiving Tournament. She added 43 rebounds (8.6 per game), blocked nine shots and made 14 of 17 from the free-throw line en route to all-tournament honors.

said. "I knew I wasn't going to be bad because I worked hard over the summer."

The hard work was inspired in some ways by hecklers who noted her lack of speed.

"That is probably one of the better things that has happened to me even though it wasn't the best time in my life," Loftus said. "It probably made me a better person now. I do want to prove to them that they are

"I knew I wasn't going to be bad."

Amy Loftus
Collinsville senior

wrong because I was always thought of as the weaker post player here, I think. I don't like that."

Miles leads Flyers past Collinsville

Flyers senior scores 35 points, grabs 15 rebounds to impress large crowd

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Friday night was showtime for East St. Louis senior Darius Miles.

The Flyers, 2-1 after the season-opening Galesburg East debut at Vergil Fletcher Gymnasium in Collinsville and posted an 81-58 victory.

Miles, a 6-foot-8 senior center considered one of the nation's top prep players, scored 35 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and blocked six shots in the Southwestern Conference opener for both teams. He also impressed the crowd of nearly 3,000 with eight rim-rattling dunks.

"I play bad when I am in front of a little crowd," Miles said after the game. "I don't get little crowds because I can't perform like I know I can. When you do something in front of a small crowd, you don't hear that ... it's like a volcano or something erupting. You don't hear that from a little crowd."

"When there is a big crowd, you all will expect me to perform no matter how many people they put on me. I don't even think my game is on the high school level right now. I think I could play on the college level now. So hopefully I can do that at St. John's with the same level going now."

Miles recently signed a letter of intent to attend St. John's University in New York City. He left an impression on Collinsville coach Bob Bone,

who has coached against a few prep players currently in the NBA.

"He is a good player, a very good player," Bone said. "We've played against Glen Robinson when he was in high school and played against Vince Carter when he was in high school. Those kids to me just couldn't do the things that he can do. Robinson was very athletic, but was basically limited around the lane and paint area. Vince Carter was very good, but they can't do what he does."

From the outset, the Flyers (3-1) got into their fast-paced game and just took complete control of the game.

Phillip Gilbert complemented Miles with 20 points for the Flyers.

Meanwhile, East Side limited Collinsville junior Terry Tessary to seven points in the first half with a box-and-one defense. Tessary ended the up with 22 points to lead the Kahoks.

B.J. Bone stepped up for Collinsville with 16 points and led the team with five rebounds.

"I thought B.J. played well," Bone said. "I thought (Tessary), even though he got a lot of attention, played well."

East St. Louis 81, Collinsville 56
East St. Louis 19 17 21 24 - 81
Collinsville 10 14 12 22 - 56
EAST ST. LOUIS - Darius Miles 35 (15 rebounds, 6 blocks), Phillip Gilbert 20, Stephen 10, DeMarco Smith 8, Labon 4, Siles 2, White 2, 2PT - 35, 3PT - 2, FT - 5.

COLLINSVILLE - Terry Tessary 22, B.J. Bone 16, Price 12, Ditzler 3, Holmes 4, Barnes 2, 2PT - 9, 3PT - 10, FT - 10.

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The winning junior sportswriter also will receive four VIP seats to the Jan. 7 Harlem Globetrotters game at the Kiel Center.

To enter the Journal Junior Sportswriter contest, students must submit three questions they would ask a Globetrotters player. The winner will be selected

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Time is short, however; the deadline to receive questions is 5 p.m. Dec. 13. The winner will be notified Dec. 14.

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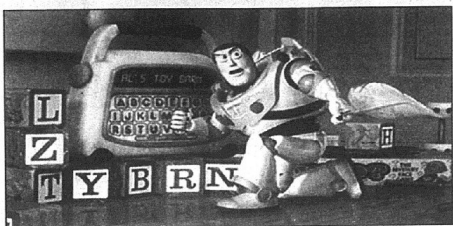
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Computer-animated 'Toy Story 2' funnier than first production

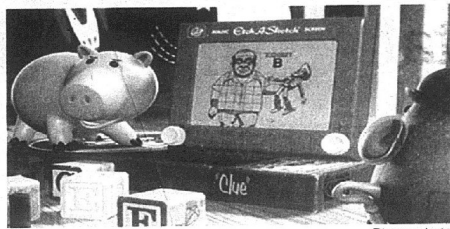
By Steve Bryan

It's difficult, sometimes impossible, for a movie studio to produce a sequel to a hit film that's even half as good or entertaining as the original. "Back to the Future Part II," for instance, lacked much of the charm and originality

that made the first film such a hit. And Paul Reubens, the star of "Pee-wee's Big Adventure," would probably love to forget its follow up, "Big Top Pee-wee." But that's definitely not the case with "Toy Story 2," the much-anticipated sequel to the computer-animated hit of 1995. Originally slated for a direct-to-video release, this one is even funnier and more



Buzz Lightyear consults Mr. Spell for information in a scene from Disney's "Toy Story 2."



Hamm uses an Etch-A-Sketch to reconstruct the events surrounding Woody's kidnapping as Mr. Potato Head observes in a scene from Disney's "Toy Story 2."

enjoyable than the first. Director John Lasseter, who also directed "Toy Story" and "A Bug's Life," proves that the third time really is the charm. In addition to stars Tom Hanks and Tim Allen returning as the voices of Woody and Buzz Lightyear, the rest of the toy gang returns as well, including John Ratzenberger as Hamm, Wallace Shawn as Rex and Jim Varney as Slinky Dog. After young Andy, the boy who owns all the toys, heads off to Cowboy Camp, Woody accidentally ends up in the hands of Al McWhiggin (voice

of Wayne Knight), a rabid toy collector and the not-so-nice owner of Al's Toy Barn. Al knows that Woody is actually a rare collectible action figure from an old program called "Woody's Roundup," a television show that was a national phenomenon before its abrupt cancellation. Al has shelves filled with other "Woody's Roundup" collectibles, including Jessie the cowgirl (voice of Joan Cusack), Stinky Pete the Prospector (voice of Kelsey Grammer) and Bullseye the horse. Meanwhile, back in Andy's

room, Buzz Lightyear and the rest of the gang plot a daring rescue mission to find their missing friend and bring him back where he belongs. Nothing can stop them, not even Buzz Lightyear's arch-enemy, Emperor Zurg. Unlike "Pokemon," "Toy Story 2" is an animated film that most adults won't mind sitting through, especially with the original music by composer Randy Newman. "Toy Story 2," rated G, is fresh, funny and one of the best films of the holiday season.



Tom Hanks reprises his role as the voice of Woody, the main character of Disney's "Toy Story 2."

Movie listings

Film timetable for Sunday, Dec. 5. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
1-70 and Hwy. 157,
Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708
Check theater for showtimes and times

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, Ill.,
254-5289
Omega Code (PG-13) 4:10, 6:50, 9:10

EDWARDSVILLE CINE
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
The Sixth Sense (PG-13)
7:00, 9:30
For Love Of The Game (PG-13)
6:45, 9:40
Double Jeopardy (R) 7:30, 9:50

LINCOLN THEATER
103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill.,
233-0123
Blue Streak (PG-13) 7:15, 9:15
Three To Tango (PG-13)
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Fight Club (R) 7:00-9:40

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Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:40, 7:30, 9:40
End Of Days (R) 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Pokemon (G) 4:20, 6:40, 9:00
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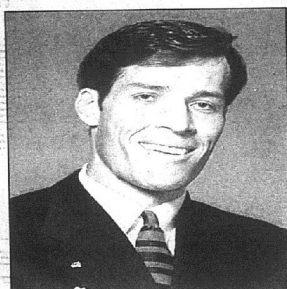
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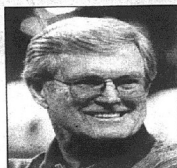

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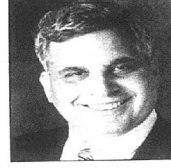

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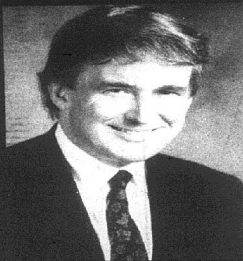
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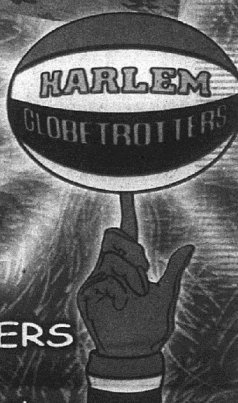
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Volvo targets younger buyers with smaller S40, V40

By Tom Strongman

Volvo's new duo of small cars, the S40 sedan and V40 station wagon, are aimed at buyers who want traditional Volvo qualities but heretofore could not afford one.

Sitting on a 100.4-inch wheelbase, their overall dimensions are about the same as a Honda Civic, but their interior is larger than that in person. Prices start at \$22,990 for the sedan and \$23,990 for the station wagon. I drove a station wagon from Volvo's press fleet, and it was equipped with the Sport Plus, Cold Weather and Sunroof packages that pushed its sticker price to \$25,425. That seems a bit pricey considering the target market.

These vehicles have been on sale for some time in Europe, and their styling is characterized by the clean, simple lines found on other Volvo models. I think the station wagon looks better than the sedan, and I like the added versatility that a station wagon provides. Plus, there are not many small station wagons out there.

Young families will not only like the V40's safety features but also the way its rear hatch can accommodate strollers, groceries, etc. Folding down the back seat is a bit more complex than flipping one latch, but it still can be done with reasonable effort.

Power comes from a turbocharged, 1.9-liter four-cylinder engine rated at 160 horsepower. This DOHC, all-aluminum engine has four valves per cylinder. The light pressure turbo boosts mid-range power, but off-the-line acceleration is a tad leisurely. Once you're well under way, acceleration has a pleasing surge.

A manual transmission might enhance low-speed performance, but an automatic is the only one offered. It has Sport, Economy and Winter modes, so its shift points can be changed somewhat depending on conditions. In Winter mode it starts in a higher gear to lessen the chug-chug-chug.

Inside, the V40 looks like a slightly smaller version of its larger siblings. The instrument panel has a lot in common with the S80, including the handsome and func-

tional rubber-covered knobs for secondary controls. The vent wheels have tiny rubber nubs that are a cinch to grip even with gloves.

The test car's heated seats, a part of the \$850 Weather package that also includes headlight washers and stability control, were great on cool fall mornings. As in larger Volvos, the seats look like Scandinavian furniture and are just as comfortable to sit on. Lateral and lumbar support are

Back-seat legroom is not especially generous, but that's not to be expected in a car of this size.

The highly readable instruments parrot the design of bigger Volvos. A single cup holder pops out from the upper center section of the instrument panel, but it didn't seem that secure when a large cup was in it. Plus, if there was a spill, it would land on the stereo control panel. Another single cup holder is located

Switches for the power windows also are on the console, rather than the door panels, something that is fairly common in Europe. I understand that putting these buttons on

the console makes it easier on the production line when switching from right-hand to left-hand drive, but having them on the doors seems more intuitive to me. This is not a big deal, and it probably is more noticeable to someone who drives a wide variety of cars.

Both the S40 and V40 come with a long list of safety-items. There are front and side air bags, seat belt pretensioners, and seats that help protect occupants from whiplash in the case of a rear-end collision. Anti-lock brakes are standard, and the Dynamic Stability Assistance traction system is part of the Cold Weather package option.

The base price of the station wagon is \$23,900. Our test car was equipped with rear spoiler, fog lights, sport steering wheel, power driver's seat, AM/FM/CD player, trip computer, premium speakers, sun roof, leather upholstery, heated seats, simulated wood trim

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